GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2404
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DEVELOPMENT OF ABHAY GHAT .
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal to develop a memorial 'Abhay Ghat' in the memory of former Prime Minister of India, late Morarji Desai;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The time by which the memorial is likely to be developed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): Identification and development of places of tourist interest is the responsibility of the State Government of Gujarat. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of project proposals prioritised in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations every year. No project proposal for Development of Abhay Ghat has been priroitised for grant of central financial assistance during 2006-07 nor has any such proporsal been received by the Ministry of Tourism. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following projects for the state of Gujarat during 2005-06:

Sl No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In Lakh)
1.	Infrastructure works to be taken up like Roads and Allied servicesat Mandvi District Kutch in Gujarat	428.31
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2.	Dinosaur Fossil Park at Balasinor in Gujarat	345.00
3.	Destination Development of Dandi	380.27
4	Development of Theme Park at Adalaj, Gandhinagar	480.00
5.	Destination Development of Saputara	378.00
	Total	2011.58

During the 10th Five Year Plan (including 2005-06), the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects worth Rs.3283.14 lakh for integrated development of tourism in the state of Gujarat.
(b) and (c): Does not arise.